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For: METHOD FOR COATING A
 SUBSTRATE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In an Office Action dated 12 August 2005, the Examiner identified six subsets of the claims of the present application as being directed to patentably distinct species: Ia—claims 2-4, drawn to metallurgical bonding; Ib—claims 21-23, drawn to particles comprising an alloy; Ic—claims 5-6, drawn to use of an adhesive; Id—claims 7-8, drawn to the nature of the perform; Ie—claims 9-14, drawn to the nature of the wear-resistant particle; and If—claims 16-20, drawn to the nature of the substrate. Applicants hereby elect species Ic, claims 9-14 (along with generic claim 1), for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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